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1. EMBASSY IS NONPLUSSED THAT CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR OMEGA
INSTALLATION IN AUSTRALIA IS TO BE FROM
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, FOREIGN MILITARY RIGHTS AFFAIRS,
OASD/ISA.

2. FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS WE HAVE PRESSED OMEGA
AGREEMENT ON AUSTRALIA ADVANCING ARGUMENT THAT OMEGA
INSTALLATION IS ENTIRELY FOR PEACEFUL USES AND IN NO
REPEAT NO WAY ASSOCIATED WITH DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS AND
HAS NO DEFENSE IMPLICATIONS. BASICALLY THIS IS ALSO
THRUST OF AUSTRALIAN SENATE REPORT ON OMEGA
INSTALLATION AND DEGREE OF BIPARTISAN SUPPORT WHICH HAS
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BEEN DEVELOPED, WHICH IS NOW CONSIDERABLE, IS BASED ON

BELIEF INDUCED BY OUR ARGUMENTS THAT OMEGA INSTALLATION IS NOT INTENDED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. ALP FEDERAL EXECUTIVE NOW SUPPORTS OMEGA INSTALLATION BUT UNIONS WHICH OPPOSE IT WOULD SEIZE ON THIS INFORMATION TO REINFORCE DOMESTIC OPPOSITION.

3. CLEARLY GOA PUT RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSTALLATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT BECAUSE THEY WERE CONVINCED THAT OMEGA STATION IS FOR PURELY PEACEFUL PURPOSES UNRELATED TO MILITARY ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS.

4. GIVEN FOREGOING WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT UNDERSTAND HOW U.S. GOVERNMENT CAN PUT DEFENSE OFFICIAL WITH SUCH TITLE IN CHARGE OF NEGOTIATING TEAM WHICH COULD SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFORTS OF PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS.

5. REQUEST SUBSTITUTION OF NON-DEFENSE PERSON AS NEGOTIATOR AND EXCLUSION OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL (EXCEPT TECHNICIANS) FROM OMEGA TEAM.
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